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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG

SUBJECT: NONALIGNED MOVEMENT: CUBAN FORMIN VISIT TO LAGOS

REF: LAGOS 8029

1. ACCORDING TO JULY 4TH ISSUE OF DAILY TIMES, CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER ISIDORO MALMIERCA PEOLI ACCOMPANIED BY DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN DEPARTMENT AMBASSADOR OSCAR ORAMOS OLCVA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL RAFAEL HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ AND CUBA'S AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA LAZARO MORA SECADE DELIVERED A MESSAGE FROM CASTRO TO HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO ON JULY 3.

2. GENERAL OBASANJO REPORTEDLY EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH THE DELEGATION ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES IN AFRICA. HOWEVER, ONLY ANGOLA WAS MENTIONED IN THE ARTICLE: "ON ANGOLA, GENERAL OBASANJO AND THE DELEGATION EXPRESSED THE NEED FOR STABILITY IN THAT COUNTRY IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC
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DEVELOPMENT AND FACILITATE LIBERATION STRUGGLES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."

3. ON SUBJECT OF VISIT, MEA AMERICAS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR MUSA TOLD POLCOUNS THAT CUBANS ASKED FOR NIGERIAN SUPPORT AGAINST SOMALIA'S CAMPAIGN TO HAVE CUBA EXPELLED FROM NONALIGHED (NAM)

MOVEMENT (REFTEL). THEY WERE ALSO CONCERNED THERE MIGHT BE SOME ANTI-CUBAN ACTIVITY DURING FORTHCOMING OAU MEETINGS IN KHARTOUM. ACCORDING TO MUSA, THE CUBANS WERE GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT NIGERIA WOULD NOT AGREE TO ANY MOVES TO EXPEL THEM FROM NAM.

4. THE CUBAN DELEGATION ALSO BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF THE "U.S. CAMPAIGN AGAINST THEM" IN AFRICA, COMPLAINING THAT IT WAS COMPRISED OF UNTRUTHS AND DISTORTIONS AND THEY WANTED TO PRESENT THE TRUE FACTS FOR THE RECORD. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY SAID CASTRO HAD WARNED THE U.S. IN ADVANCE OF THE SHABA INVASION THROUGH USINT IN HAVANA. HE HAD SIMILARLY WARNED WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THROUGH NATO. ACCORDINGLY, THEY CONSIDER THEIR SUBSEQUENT TREATMENT BY THE U.S. AS PERFIDIOUS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DURING CONVERSATION, AMBASSADOR MUSA ASKED WHETHER PRESIDENT CARTER INDEED HAD BEEN WARNED IN ADVANCE OF SHABA INVASION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO REPLY TO HIM. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR US TO PASS TO MEA THE CIA MEMO ON CUBAN ASSISTANCE TO THE SHABA INVADERS THAT WAS RECENTLY DISTRIBUTED WITHIN AF BY
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FRANCES COOK. MS. COOK'S COVERING NOTE STATED THAT THIS MEMO WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE SOURCE OF A RECENT GWERTZMAN ARTICLE.

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